

NIGHTS OF JAN. 10 AND 11

Series Of Thefts Are Investigated

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Police Department is investigating a series of thefts in the areas of East Hall Street, Hunter Street, East Keigan Street and East Railroad Avenue.

The thefts occurred on the nights of Jan. 10 and 11 and involved vehicles at five residences and storage facilities at two locations. Since that time, reports of thefts from or damage to vehicles at two additional residences have been reported, and a third storage building was damaged in an apparent attempt to steal items from it.

Some of the stolen items, including jewelry, electronics and a dirt bike style motorcycle have been recovered. Other miscellaneous items are still missing.

The police have persons of interest in the case and are working with victims and potential witnesses to further the investigation.

Police Chief Bill Crider is asking local residents to assist the department by locking their vehicles and storage facilities, turning on outside lights in dark areas and keeping valuables out of plain sight.

Crider said anyone who sees or hears suspicious activity should notify the Dawson Springs Police Department immediately.

At least one police officer and one telecommunicator are on duty at all times. To speak with a telecommunicator locally, phone 797-2277, or phone 911 and the call will be transferred to the local department.



THIS automobile was damaged last week during at attempted break-in. Apparently after the break-in wasn't successful, the brick used to try to gain entrance was then thrown through the rear glass.



WILL HOST CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Chamber Of Commerce Is Preparing For Visitors

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce held a working meeting at noon Tuesday to prepare for visitors from the Kentucky State Preservation Office.

Dawson Springs, along with Princeton and Eddyville, will host the Kentucky Preservation Conference in September. The application, which chamber president Jenny Sewell recently

learned has been accepted, focused on government works projects in or near the three cities.

The old penitentiary in Eddyville was built by soldiers returning from the Civil War, and the Experiment Farm in Princeton was started in the 1920s to help tobacco farmers who were unable to make it on their own. Many parts of what is now Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park were developed by the WPA during the Great Depression.

Most of the conference meetings will take place in Princeton, but many of those attending will be lodged at Pennyriple and take tours in Dawson Springs.

Representatives of the organization will visit three local sites Wednesday beginning with the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center, where the city's history and its heyday as a mineral water resort will be emphasized. From there, the group will go to Riverside Park where the Pittsburgh

Pirates held training as a result of the amenities and entertainment provided by the local resort. The final stop will be the Darby House, the home of Dawson Springs' first physician and the last boarding house remaining from the mineral water era.

Other upcoming events discussed by chamber members were Derby at the Darby, an event planned for April 18; and Dawson Springs Fun Weekend May 25 and 26.

The Dawson Springs Fun Week-

end, an antique motorbike show organized by Kenny and Sylvia Thomas, is returning after a hiatus last year. The chamber is considering several community activities to be held in conjunction with the event.

Take Kids Fishing Day will also take place in May. A final date has not yet been set.

A Trail Town USA study will begin Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Katherine Barnett meeting room at the branch library.

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Bill Is Filed To Combat Meth

Sen. Jerry P. Rhoads is taking his fight to combat the meth problem in the commonwealth into a second legislative session. Senate Bill 79, filed Jan. 5, would help keep ephedrine or related drugs commonly found in cold and allergy medicines out of the hands of individuals with criminal motives. The proposed legislation would create a block list of all individuals convicted of meth-related offenses and prevent them from being able to purchase these products. The block list would be part of the Kentucky Electronic Methamphetamine Precursor Tracking System. SB 79 also lowers the amount of pseudoephedrine a person can purchase in a 30-day period from 9 grams to 7.5 grams and provides a 60 gram yearly restriction.

Rhoads filed similar legislation during the 2011 legislative session.

Under current law, products such

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EMMA ARGO enjoyed being pulled on the snow in an inner tube by her grandfather Joe Redden following the season's first snow Thursday, Jan. 12. Although the snow was light, it produced icy conditions that forced the cancellation of classes in area schools the next day.

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Gasoline Prices Have Fallen

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 5.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.35 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 1.1 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.34 per gallon according to gasoline price Web site Kentucky GasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of Tuesday were \$3.49 per gallon, an increase of 30 cents in the past two weeks.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 34.6 cents per gallon higher than on the same day one year ago and are 22.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 10.3 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 27.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.



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Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Jan. 6 through Jan. 12.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Hometown Pizza — 100
No violations.

Ideal Market (East Center Street, Madisonville) — 100
No violations.

Kangaroo Express (North Main Street, Madisonville) — 100
No violations.

Long John Silver's — 100
No violations.

No violations.

Cinexco, LLC (24 E. Arch St., Madisonville) — 100
No violations.

Paradise Pizza & Tanning — 100
No violations.

Quality Quick, (West Noel Avenue, Madisonville) — 97
Minor violations include:
•Handle needed on refrigerator
•Light cover needed on refrigerator
•Various refrigerators in need of cleaning
•Light shields needed in kitchen.

South Hopkins Upward — 100
No violations.

KSP Issues Activity Report For Full Year Of 2011

For the year of 2011, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 23,210 citations, 8,741 speeding citations, 2,683 seat belt citations, 214 child restraint citations, and 8,213 courtesy notices. They arrested 422 impaired drivers, investigated 1,124 traffic crashes, assisted 2,354 stranded motorists, responded to 10,802 calls for service, made 2,473 criminal arrests and opened 694 criminal cases.

Thirty-four fatal crashes resulting in the loss of thirty-six lives were reported in the Post 2 District in 2011. This is a decrease from 2010 when 44 lives were lost in 38 fatal crashes.

The following is a breakdown by county of fatalities in the Post 2 District: Caldwell County, three crashes, three fatalities; Christian County, 10 crashes, 11 fatalities; Crittenden County, two crashes, two fatalities;

Hopkins County, eight crashes, eight fatalities; Muhlenberg County, five crashes, six fatalities; Todd County, five crashes, five fatalities; Webster County, one crash, one fatality.

Of the 36 fatalities in 2011, 10 were not wearing seat belts; 14 were wearing seat belts; five were not wearing helmets; three were pedestrians; three were not applicable; and the seat belt status of one is unknown.

Throughout the year, troopers will conduct traffic safety checkpoints in the Post 2 District. At the checkpoints, troopers will be targeting impaired drivers, checking for properly restrained adults and children and observing for any other safety violations. For traffic safety checkpoint locations in your area, refer to the Web site: www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm.

Final Cadet Testing Date For KSP Set For Jan. 28

The final testing date for the next Kentucky State Police cadet class has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Eastern Time Jan. 28 at KSP headquarters, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort.

All application materials must be completed and returned to the KSP Recruitment Branch at the same address by Jan. 20. The next cadet class is scheduled to begin in the fall.

Interested applicants should visit the KSP Web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org and click on the Career Opportunities, Recruitment Home and

How to Become a Kentucky State Trooper links. Information at the site includes an outline of the application process, a list of minimum requirements and disqualifications, a downloadable application form with a list of supporting documents required and a downloadable study guide for the written test.

If more information is needed after visiting the Web site, applicants can call toll-free 1-866-360-3165 during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET) Monday through Friday.



JEFF WINFREY, Mayor Jenny Sewell's pastor, gives her words of encouragement before offering a prayer prior to her being sworn into office Wednesday, Jan. 11.

KSP Issues Activity Report For Month Of December

For the month of December, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,522 citations, 416 speeding citations, 84 seat belt citations, 4 child restraint citations, and 570 courtesy notices. They arrested 20 impaired drivers, investigated 84 traffic crashes, assisted 167 stranded motorists, responded to 802 calls for service, made 479 criminal arrests and opened 37 criminal cases.

Three fatal crashes resulting in the loss of three lives were reported in the Post 2 District in December. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Caldwell, Christian and Crittenden counties. Two of the victims were wearing seat belts, and one was not wearing a seat belt.

Through Dec. 31, 2011, 36 people have been killed in 34 crashes in the Post 2 District. Fourteen victims were wearing seat belts; 10 victims were not wearing seat belts; five victims were not wearing helmets; three victims were pedestrians; one victim was operating a farm tractor; one victim was in an animal-drawn vehicle; one victim was operating a mowing tractor; and the seat belt status of one victim is unknown.

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Dawson Springs Officers Release Report For Week

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Candice S. Barber, 19, 225 Brown Road, Lot 33, Madisonville, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 8 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Larry W. Harvey Jr., 41, 68 Morris Sisk Road, Nortonville, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 8 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Asa C. Latham, 21, 1121 Eastside Lane, Apt. A6, Madisonville, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 8 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Jeremiah D. Chapman, 29, 642 Hall St., Madisonville, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 8 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Sean T. Ford, 32, 325 South Hopkinsville Road, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 8 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Nancy A. Holeman-Hol-

mes, 63, 210 Oak Heights, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for failure to appear Jan. 8 at her residence. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Ruby S. Adamson, aka Ruby DeHart, 31, 314 W. Hall St., was served a Henderson County warrant for theft by deception (cold checks under \$500) Jan. 9. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Earl F. Nelson, 20, 506 Arcadia Ave., was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for contempt of court Jan. 10 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Ruby Adamson, 31, 314 W. Hall St., was served a Christian County warrant for failure to appear Jan. 13. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Millard Chad Menser, 24, 709AE Third St., Hopkinsville, was served a Hopkins County bench warrant for contempt of court Jan. 13 at 308 E. Railroad Ave. Matt Forker was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Josh Travis and Officer Mike Opalek.

—Noel C. Hensley, 37, 60 Kirksey Lane, was served a Webster County bench warrant for nonpayment of fines Jan. 15 at his residence. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

Two local residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Jade E. Purdy, 21, 1256 Hospital Road, was charged Jan. 9 with second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Carroll J. Reeves, 39, 302 Poplar St., was charged Jan. 10 with nonpayment of fines.

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‘One To One’ Will Offer Health Tips

On the next “One to One with Bill Goodman,” Goodman sits down with Sheila Kalas and Laura Coombs, certified personal trainers, fitness coaches and teachers, who share tips on diet, exercise and maintaining a regular health routine throughout the new year.

Viewers can watch “One to One” on Sunday, Jan. 29 at noon.

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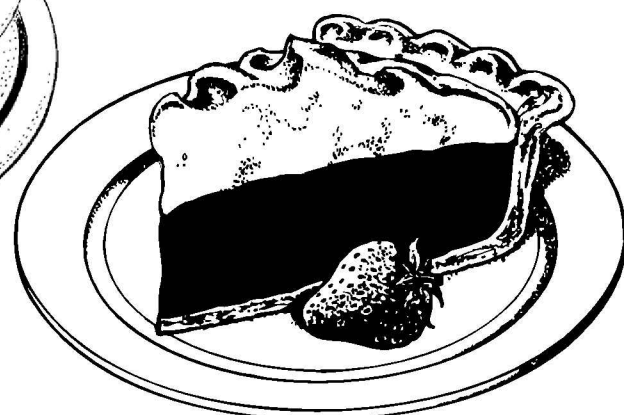
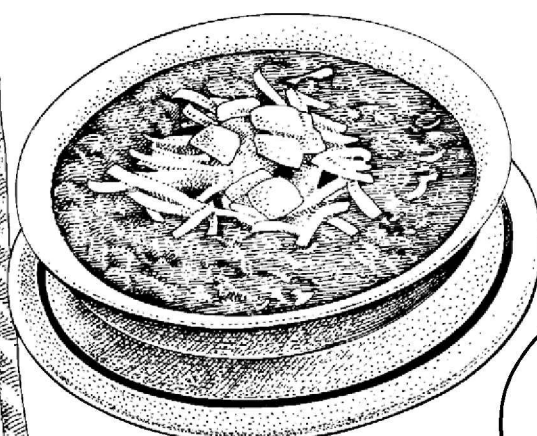
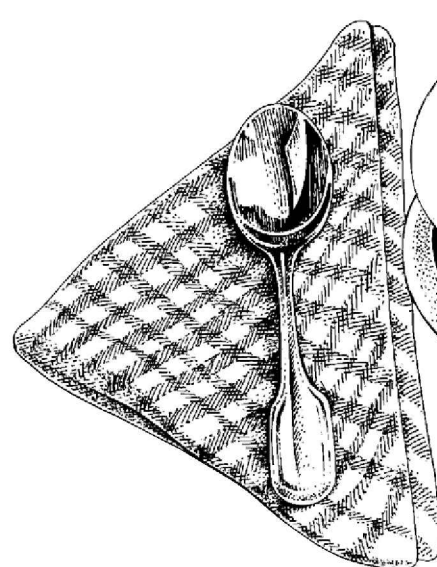
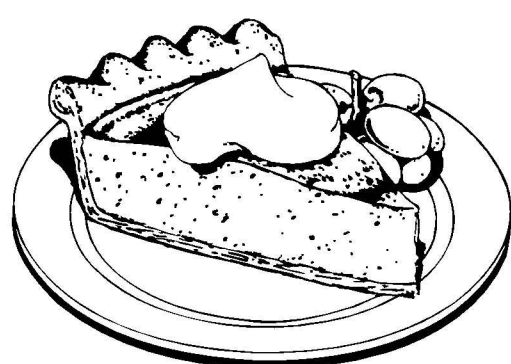
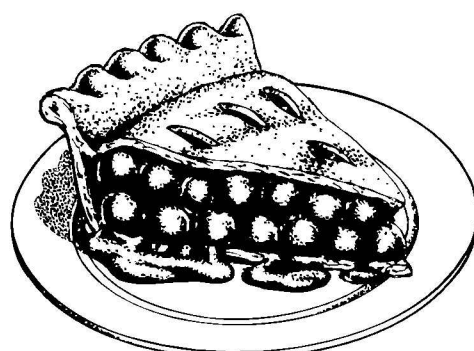
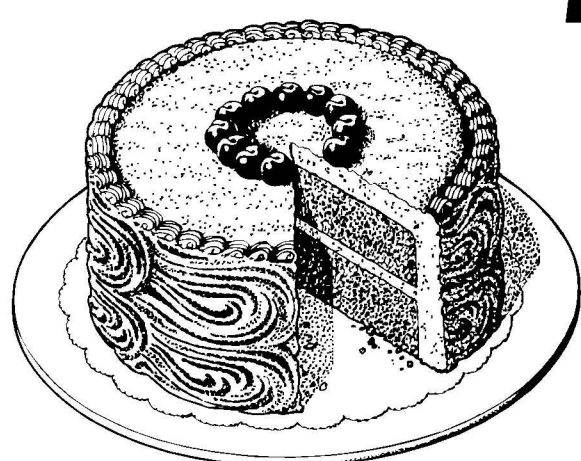
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Janice Ann Wyatt Turner Dies In Her Home Jan.10

A memorial service for Janice Ann Wyatt Turner, 68, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Emmanuel Baptist Church at the corner of South Seminary and Maple streets in Princeton.

Bro. Matt Smothers will officiate. Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville is in charge of arrangements.

Graveside Service Is Held For William Blackburn, 99

Graveside services for William “Bill” Blackburn, 99, of Princeton, were held Sunday at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Kent Workman officiated. Morgan’s Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Blackburn died at 8:12 a.m. Jan. 12, 2011, at Caldwell Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 13, 1912, in Caldwell County, to the late Albert Hoy and Alma Morse Blackburn.

He was the owner and operator of three family shoe stores. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Princeton where he served as deacon, the Rotary Club and the American Legion.

In addition to his parents,

Mrs. Turner died Jan. 10, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Hopkins County to the late W.E. and Gladys Beard Wyatt.

She was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Turner; a daughter, Maile Humphrey; a son, Derrick Turner; a brother, Everett Wyatt; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Blackburn was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Nell Oliver Blackburn, a daughter, Willa Nell Blackburn Jordan; a son, Gary David Blackburn; three brothers, Guy Blackburn, Hugh Blackburn and Walter Blackburn; and two sisters, Olivia Nichols and Wilma Burchette.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Blackburn and Rick Blackburn, both Princeton, and William Blackburn, St. Louis, Mo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Randy Jordan, Steve Blackburn, Herman Blackburn, Rick Blackburn, Colby Blackburn and Margaret Blackburn.

Honorary pall bearers were Hoy Nichols and Hoy C. Blackburn.

‘Kentucky Life’ Explores War Of 1812 Battlefield

Dave Shuffett hosts the next “Kentucky Life” from Moundale Manor in Winchester.

In this program, Shuffett spends time with penguins in a “Dave Does It” at Newport Aquarium, visits Vendome Copper and Brass Works in Louisville, and more.

The program airs Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. on KET.

Built in 1905, Moundale Manor in Winchester is a three-story historic home and was purchased and renovated in 2011 by Ed and Vanessa Ziembroski.

In the program’s first story, Shuffett is surrounded by flightless birds as he enters the habitat of Newport Aquarium’s Penguin Palooza for an all-new “Dave Does It” segment. Shuffett helps clean the habitat and serves a meal of raw fish to the penguins, who make up the second most diverse collection of cold weather penguins in the country.

Shuffett also visits Vendome Copper and Brass Works in Jefferson County, a fourth-generation family business specializing in equipment for

breweries, laboratories and the chemical industry. Vendome was founded in the early 1900s, and the experience of meeting the challenge of Prohibition in the 1920s set the stage for their continued ability to adapt and grow to serve developing industries in addition to meeting the needs of distillers.

Also, Kentucky Life visits River Raisin Battlefield in Michigan, one of the key sites where hundreds of Kentuckians gave the ultimate sacrifice, in a battle that became known as the Massacre on the River Raisin. In the War of 1812, often referred to as America’s forgotten war, Kentuckians played a major role. Although no battles were fought in the commonwealth, five out of six Kentucky men of military age fought in the war, and an astonishing 1,200 of the 1,876 Americans killed were from Kentucky.

Finally, a historical marker in Metcalfe County recounts the discovery of an artesian well and the luxury hotel that once stood nearby to take advantage of the healing waters.

OBITUARIES

Funeral Held Friday For Eugene Earl Morris, 88

The funeral for Eugene Earl Morris, 88, of Dawson Springs, was held Friday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Dennis Mayfield officiated. Burial was in Green Hill Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville.

Morris died at 4 p.m. Jan. 11, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Christian County, to the late Eugene and Lorena Ashby Morris.

He was a 1941 graduate of Sinking Fork High School and served in the United States Navy in submarine services in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was a long-time member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a copper miner for 20 years at Phelps Dodge Mining and a life insurance salesman. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Church in Bisbee, Ariz., where he served as deacon.

In addition to his parents, Morris was preceded in death by three brothers, William Ever-



EUGENE MORRIS

ette Morris, Bertie O’Jay Morris and Roy Wendell Morris.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Evelyn Morris, Dawson Springs; a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Karen Morris, Flagstaff, Ariz.; two grandsons, Robert D. Morris and Darren M. Morris; and two great-granddaughters, Maya and Chloe Morris.

Pall bearers were Russell Morris, Robert D. Morris, Darren M. Morris, Hugh Villegas, Earl Saltsman and Travis Hamby.

Graveside Service Is Held For Dorothy Simons, 79

Graveside services for Dorothy Cotton Simons, 79, of Madisonville, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rosedale Cemetery. Elder Jeff Winfrey will officiate. Beshear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Simons died at 11:26 a.m. Jan. 14, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 26, 1932, in Caldwell County, to the late Garland and Mary McChesney Eli Cotton.

She was a 1949 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dawson Springs. She retired from the Commercial Bank of Dawson Springs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Edward Simons, Dec. 17, 2008; two brothers, John Cotton and Philip Cotton; and two sisters, Betty Brown and Mary Grace Roberts.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jenna and Roger Bell, New Port Richey, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jed and Lynn Simons, Cadiz; a brother, Joe Cotton, Safety Harbor, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Gayle Purdy, Dawson Springs; four grandchildren, Shawna Nicole Backhurst, Brittany Lee Simons, Melissa Katherine Bell and Caroline Elizabeth Bell; and two great-grandchildren, Mircea Grace Backhurst and Banks Jaxon Backhurst.

Obituary Policy

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Funeral Is Held Tuesday For Glenda Dearing, 66

The funeral for Glenda Delores Dearing, 66, of Dawson Springs, was held Tuesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville.

Bro. Roger Felker and Bro. Wayne Lamb officiated. Burial was in Dearing Family Cemetery in Dawson Springs.

Mrs. Dearing died Jan. 14, 2012, at Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Nortonville to the late C.R. and Nancy Hammonds Phelps.

She was a housewife and attended Mount Pisgah Baptist

Church.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Dearing, Dawson Springs; two daughters, Vickie McGregor and Rita Crick, both Dawson Springs; and two sons, Terry Dearing, Dawson Springs, and Steve Dearing, Princeton; three sisters, Brenda Messamore, Dawson Springs, Linda Phelps, Nortonville, and Pauline Moore, Earlington; three brothers, Roger Phelps and Robert Phelps, both Nortonville, and Freddie Phelps, Madisonville; and five grandchildren.

Emerald Ash Borer Moves Farther Into State’s Forest

By Katie Pratt

The emerald ash borer has been found in six new Kentucky counties as a result of the 2011 trapping survey conducted by the Kentucky Office of the State Entomologist.

The borer, an invasive insect pest of ash trees, is now found in Anderson, Boyle, Bracken, Garrard, Hardin and Scott counties. The borer was already known to exist in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Fayette, Jessamine, Franklin, Henry, Owen, Shelby, Woodford, Boyd, Greenup, Jefferson and Oldham counties.

A small, dark-green metallic beetle, the borer attacks all species of ash trees. Adult borers feed on a tree’s leaves. The larvae burrow into the tree to feed on the bark, destroying the tree’s ability to transport water and nutrients to its canopy. This can cause loss of the entire canopy within a year or two.

It was first found in Michigan in 2002 and has since destroyed more than 40 million trees in 10 states. The Kentucky Office of the State Entomologist began the trapping survey in 2008, placing the traps that look like purple prisms in Northern Ken-

tucky. The borer first appeared in Kentucky in 2009. That year the Office of the State Entomologist, in consultation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and UK College of Agriculture, quarantined an area of the state roughly west of Interstate 75, north of Interstate 64 and bordered by the Ohio River.

The quarantine prevents the transportation of firewood from the area into a non-quarantined area without a certificate or limited permit as a way to slow the spread of the insect.

The Office of the State Entomologist conducts a trapping survey every summer. The survey is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal Plant Health Inspection Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

Individuals with ash trees should inspect their trees for the pest. The first noticeable sign of an infestation is leaves on the top of the tree turning brown and dying. Those who suspect they have an emerald ash borer infestation should contact the USDA-APHIS Emerald Ash Borer Hotline at 866-322-4512 or the Kentucky Office of the State Entomologist at 859-257-5838.

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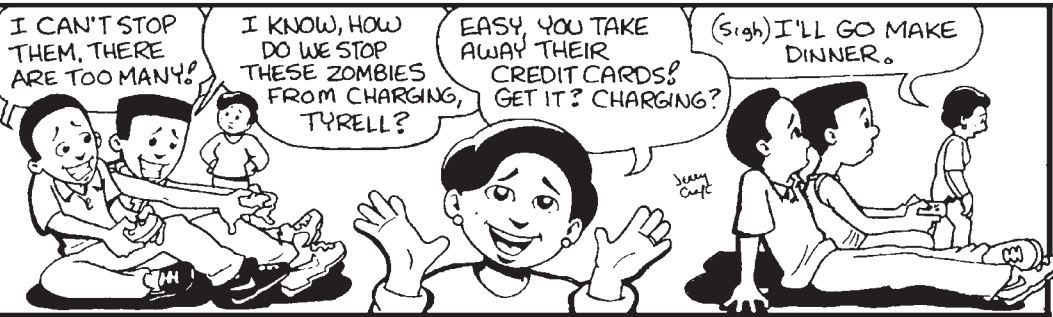
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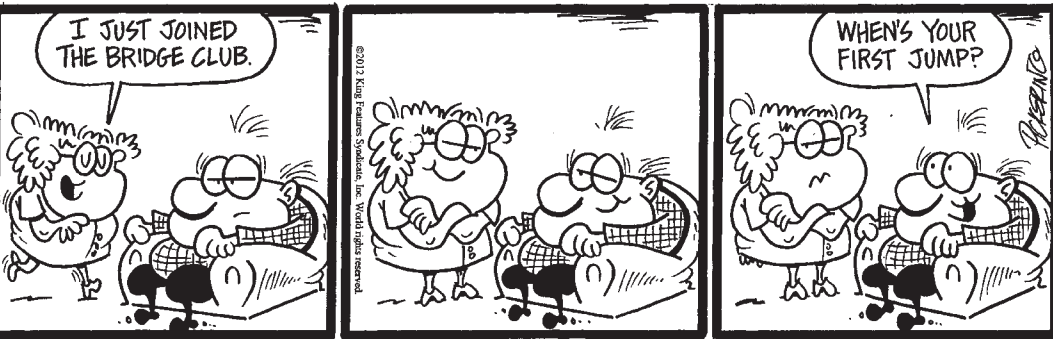
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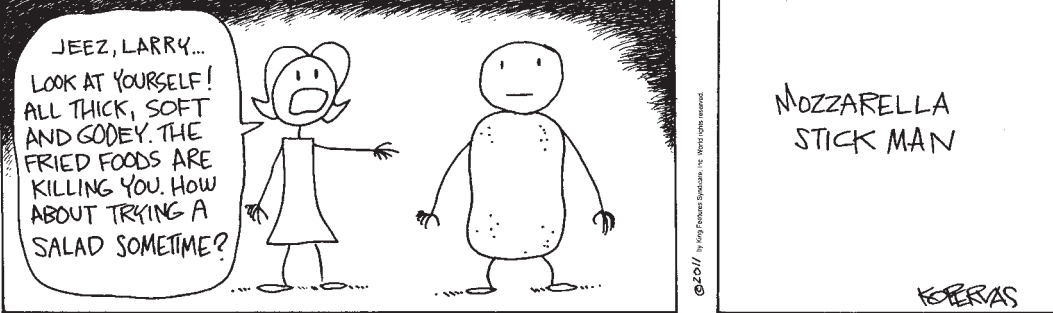
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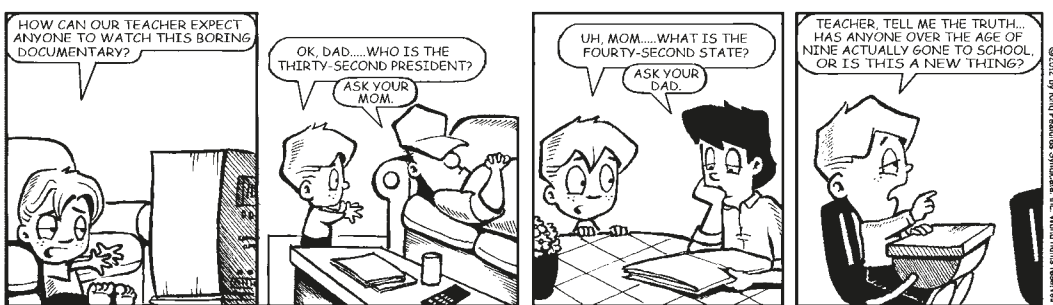
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Inner Ear Often Cause of Dizziness

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 82 and in pretty good health except for a recent problem. During the day everything is fine, but when I lie down to go to sleep, the room starts to spin. It lasts about 10 seconds. Then if I turn my head to look at the clock, the dizziness returns. In the morning when I wake and turn my head again, the room spins.

Do I have an inner-ear infection? How can this problem be fixed? -- J.C.

ANSWER: Although I can't give you 100 percent assurance, I can say on solid ground that you have benign positional vertigo, BPH. Vertigo is dizziness. BPH is not an inner-ear infection. It comes on just as you have written, with a change in the position of the head -- lying down, turning to the side or looking up to a cupboard shelf. The attacks are brief but disrupting.

Crystals normally found in one part of the inner ear have migrated to another part. Moving the head activates the displaced crystals, and they send a message to the brain that brings on dizziness. The inner ear is not only for hearing; it's also for balance.

You can bring the crystals back to their original site through a series of movements called the Epley repositioning maneuvers. Sit on the side of a bed and bend your head to the shoulder on the side that triggers dizziness. Let's make it the right side, so you can follow the instructions. If it's the left, just change the direction. With the head turned to the right, lie down so your head projects off the other side of the bed. When dizziness stops, turn the head to the left side, with the left ear facing down. Next, roll over on your left side so the head faces down for 10 to 15 seconds. Finally, return to the sitting position with your head bent slightly down in front. You might have to repeat the procedure more than twice. If this is too confusing, have your family doctor or an ENT doctor put you through the motions.

The booklet on vertigo explains the common causes of it and their treatment. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 801W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Why doesn't the heart ever get cancer? I've never seen this question asked or talked about on TV. Blood feeds tumors, so it makes sense that the heart would be a target. -- C.V.

ANSWER: Tumors do arise in the heart. A somewhat-common benign tumor is a myxoma. It can disrupt the flow of blood through the heart. Malignant cancers, ones that spread and grow rapidly, also arise in the heart. They are quite rare. A rhabdomyosarcoma is a malignant tumor of heart muscle. The blood contained in the heart doesn't feed heart muscle. If it did, we'd never have heart attacks. Heart muscle is nourished by its own arteries. So are heart tumors.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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- 1 Roofing material
 - 6 Litigates
 - 12 Director Peckinpah
 - 15 Bull's babe
 - 18 Florida eleven
 - 20 40th president
 - 21 Baudelaire's buddy
 - 22 Nabokov novel
 - 23 Mitch Miller hit
 - 26 "Agnus --" hit
 - 27 Throw a line to
 - 28 She's a sheep date
 - 29 Bakery display
 - 31 -- Aviv
 - 32 Blazing
 - 36 Most mammoth
 - 37 Elegant
 - 40 Pebbles' papa
 - 41 -- Leone
 - 43 Black and white
 - 44 Bing Crosby hit
 - 46 Service member?
 - 49 Tilden's opponent
 - 51 Seize
 - 52 Slip of the tongue
 - 54 Tax shelter
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- 55 Animated Olive
 - 56 Proofreader's mark
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 - 59 Get more magazines
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 - 62 Be -- unto oneself
 - 63 Tear to bits
 - 64 Marry
 - 65 Patti Page
 - 67 Scold
 - 69 Andrews Sisters hit
 - 73 Tenor Slezak
 - 74 Corporate VIP
 - 75 Burlap fiber
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 - 80 Pasta ingredient
 - 81 Government group
 - 82 Winter hazard
 - 83 TV's "Scooby- --"
 - 84 Too experienced
 - 85 Flip
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 - 94 Daze
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 - 97 Exhausted sort
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 - 15 Mamas & Papas hit
 - 16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
 - 17 Dress part
 - 19 Turns about
 - 24 Portrait painter Peter
 - 25 Is in debt
 - 30 Taj town
 - 32 G-sharp's keymate
 - 33 Chow
 - 34 Creepy Christopher
 - 35 Stuck fast
 - 36 Munich mister
 - 37 Kindergarten item
 - 38 Defeat
 - 39 Affirmative vote
 - 42 Sacred image
 - 43 That's the spirit
 - 44 Make tea
 - 45 Worth or Papas
 - 47 Prior to, to Prior
 - 48 Damp and chilly
 - 50 Cleaned a carp
 - 51 Schwarz-enegger's birthplace
 - 53 Cabernet color
 - 57 Voice type
 - 58 It's run of the mill?
 - 59 Nullify
 - 60 Tokyo, once
 - 64 Power unit
 - 66 Wayfarer's whistle
 - 67 Stream wetter
 - 68 Earphones
 - 69 Propel with a pole
 - 70 Entertainer Kazan
 - 71 Played soccer
 - 72 Zones
 - 74 Third degree?
 - 75 Panel of peers
 - 77 SHAEF commander
 - 78 Letters of credit?
 - 79 Johnny Horton hit
 - 80 WWII unit
 - 81 Dock of the bay
 - 84 Put the whammy on
 - 85 Galileo's birthplace
 - 87 Heidi's hangout
 - 89 Racer Luyendyk
 - 90 Nocturnal visitor
 - 92 Subway unit
 - 95 Merit
 - 97 It's a long story
 - 98 Caustic
 - 99 Conversation pieces?
 - 100 Glean
 - 101 Clerical title
 - 103 Excludes
 - 106 Smith or Sandler
 - 108 ER exclamation
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SOAP BUBBLES

EDITOR'S NOTE: After this week, "One Life to Live" will no longer appear in the Soaps column. The last episode aired on Jan. 13.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Brooke didn't approve of Donna's interest in Nick. Katie was worried about how close Bill and Steffy had gotten in recent months. Jackie wondered how Nick was going to keep Pam as their ally when he was busy romancing Donna. Amber came up with a savvy plan to make Rick the new CEO of Forrester Creations. Hope and Liam confronted Thomas about his deception. Katie was suspicious of Steffy's true condition and confronted her about what happened in Mexico. Owen and Jackie reflected on their marriage. Wait to See: Pam invites Nick to compete with her on "Let's Make a Deal."

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

EJ turned the tables on Will after the teen tried to blackmail him. Jack got a new perspective on what Daniel was going through in comparison to his own problems. Chad and Abigail turned to unlikely sources for relationship advice. As Sami's shame weighed heavily on her, a new task brought Will a wave of guilt all his own. Kate and Nicole became suspicious of the people around them. Madison told Brady about her



Erika Slezak is "Yiki" on "One Life to Live" for 40 years

job offer. Things heated up between Rafe and Carrie both physically and literally. Wait to See: Brady takes Madison for a couples massage.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Olivia had some questions for Steve about his past with Maggie. Kate and Sonny decided to take their relationship public. Jason tried to persuade Robin to tell Patrick the truth about her health. Ethan began putting the pieces together about Cassandra's identity -- a.k.a. The Woman in White. Meanwhile, Helena waited in the shadows, continuing to pull the strings. Maggie and Steve discussed their shared secret. Elizabeth had some information for Jason when Robin went missing. Jason confronted Franco. Michael went to pur-

chase a gun. Wait to See: Tracy finds herself in a trap.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

After 43 years, the people of Llanview said goodbye as they revisited one of the show's most iconic storylines and drew to a close Agnes Nixon's mission for "One Life to Live": "stories about richly diverse people as their lives intertwined, as they interacted with one another. ... To explain the hopes and hardships, the goals, fights and failures that are ultimately shared by all mankind no matter how disparate their lifestyles." For a more detailed recap of the final episode, visit <http://daytimedigital.blogspot.com> after Jan. 13.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victor and Sharon were pronounced man and wife. Billy got Chelsea to admit on tape that she drugged him before they had their encounter in Myanmar. Kevin was shocked to learn that the intruder at the cabin was Jeffrey. Nikki told Victor that Deacon was blackmailing her about Victor's involvement in Diane's murder. She then showed him the tape of Deacon getting intimate with Diane. Later, Deacon revealed his own evidence to Victor -- a picture of Nikki striking Diane on the head with a rock. Wait to See: Neil sees Harmony in a new light.

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TRIVIA TEST

1. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor's birth name was Ramon Estevez?
2. MUSIC: What was the name of Smokey Robinson's group?
3. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing bifocal lenses?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is manifested in peniaphobia?
5. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Shylock appear?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: During which war did Harry Truman fire Gen. Douglas MacArthur?
7. HISTORY: When did Australia become a commonwealth nation, largely gaining independence from Britain?
8. ANATOMY: About how long are the intestines in an adult male?

9. FAMOUS QUOTES: What American psychologist/philosopher once said: "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

10. MEASUREMENTS: Which month is named for the Roman festival of ritual purification?

Answers

1. Martin Sheen
2. The Miracles
3. Ben Franklin
4. A fear of poverty
5. "The Merchant of Venice"
6. Korean
7. 1901
8. About 28 feet
9. William James
10. February (Februa)

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Politics Brings Out Best In Politicians

The political process in America is — well — political. Many times politics get in the way of making clear decisions to benefit the majority of the citizens.

So there is really no reason to be surprised by a political move by one party or the other. They both are better at being political than at being good for the country, or in this case, for Kentucky

The problem isn't with politics. The problem is with the fact that we as a people continually like to change the demographics that shape us. And because of this, every 10 years the politicians among us have to tinker with the districts and boundaries of our representative districts.

So the bad news is Hopkins County has been split and now is part of three different legislative districts for the Kentucky House of Representatives.

But it seems to me, the good news could be that Hopkins County will now be represented by three representatives in Frankfort with a large share of voters from the county in each district.

Before this new redistricting, the county did have three representatives in the Kentucky House, but two of them only had small portions of the county's voters.

Now all three representatives can be voted for or against by a large number of voters from Hopkins County.

So what possibly looks on the surface to be bad news, is at least not all that bad and could possibly be good.

But it is understandable for Rep. Ben Waide and Sen. Jerry Rhoads to voice concerns over the changing borders of their home districts — especially since now they will apparently both be placed in another district with a seated representative and senator.

Politics — there's nothing good about it — but it's the American way, and there doesn't seem to be a better way.

tirelessly for the citizens of Dawson Springs. Hopefully new industry will locate here. Hopefully new businesses will open. Hopefully tourism opportunities will be found.

But even if these wonderful things do not come to pass, try to find a way to pay our city employees a decent wage. It's shameful what we offer our city workers now.

College basketball is getting in full swing, and several games were especially fun to watch this past weekend including Kentucky's win at Tennessee.

But one of my favorites was the total defeat by Florida State of the North Carolina Tarheels. What made this game especially interesting is the way the Tarheels and their coach retreated from the defeat.

Apparently Florida State's coach Leonard Hamilton suggested to North Carolina's coach Roy Williams that the visitor's bench could be cleared before the game was over since the game was over as far as the score was concerned. Hamilton's thought was the home team's fans were going to storm the court, and it wouldn't be safe for the visitor's players and coaches.

That was all well and good. The intentions were worthy, but what happened next looks bad on the Tarheels' coach.

Williams took his starters, the substitutes that play a lot and the coaching staff, and along with himself they all exited the floor for the safety of their locker room.

However, the five players who finished the game (players at the end of the bench) were left on the floor — apparently with no coach. Williams should have stayed with his team and not high-tailed to what he thought was a safe haven.

There's one more thing — to complain about.

Certain politicians in Frankfort think it would be a good thing for school districts to sell advertising on school buses.

For goodness sakes, certainly this law will not see the light of day. Hopkins County schools have said even if the law passes they will not sell any advertising on their school buses.

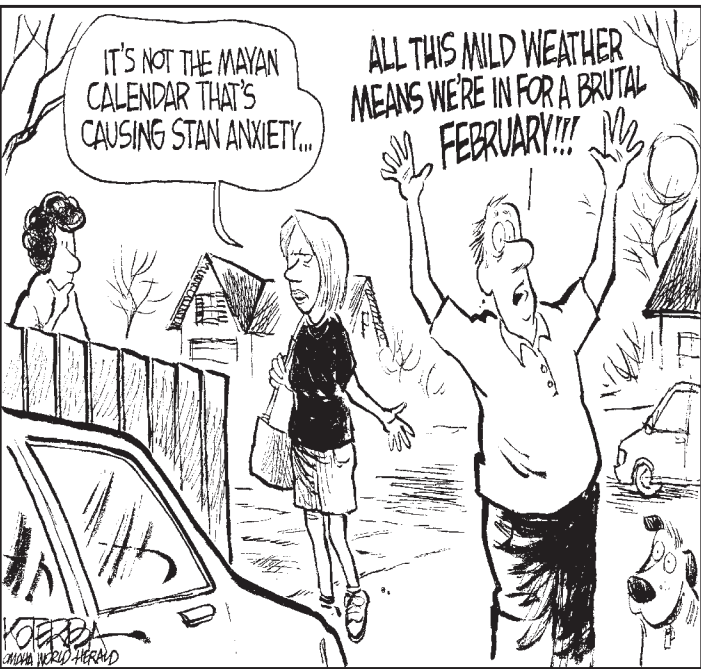
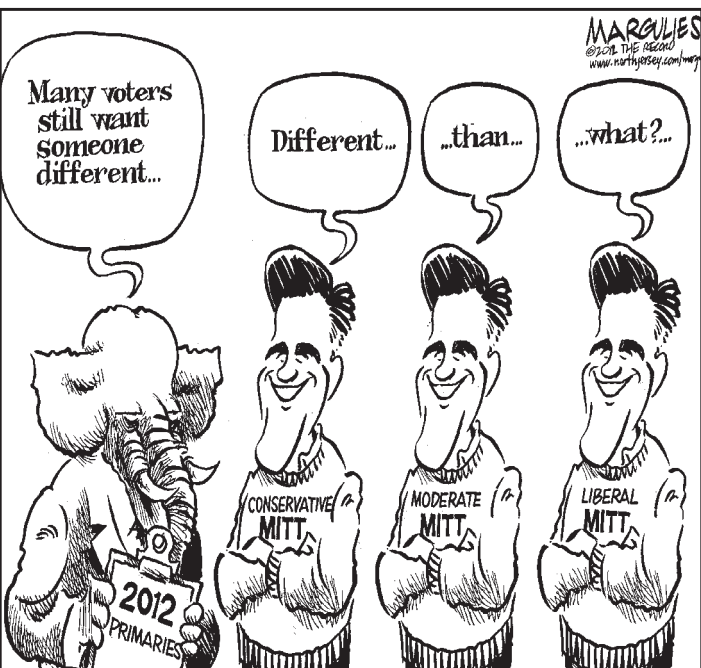
It would be hard to imagine advertisements on the Dawson Springs City School's buses.

The city has a new mayor, and we hope she is able to accomplish many, many things to make Dawson Springs a better place to live and work.

She's got her hands full but knowing our new mayor, she will indeed work "tirelessly" for Dawson Springs just as she said she would.

There are many things which will be on the new mayor's plate, but one I hope she remembers is how inadequately our own city workers are compensated for their hard work.

These are some of the jobs Jim Waters says are so cushy. Of course the pay isn't very good and the work is demanding in hot, cold, rainy, snowy weather. So please, Mayor, work



COMMENTARY

State Jobs Head The List

By Jim Waters
vice president of communications
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It doesn't take more than a cursory glance at Kentucky's benefit policies for public workers to understand why 4,000 people apply for state jobs each month. After all, where else can you:

—Get a guaranteed pension and a lifetime of health-care benefits for you and your spouse after a career full of 40-hour paychecks for 37.5 hour work weeks, 11.5 holidays a year, two full days off (paid) to vote and a full day off (paid) to donate blood each year?

—Accumulate months and years of sick leave and up to 240 hours, or more than six weeks, of "comp time" to greatly enrich your retirement benefits?

—Find this kind of job security: Only .004 percent of Kentucky's workforce of 30,361 people got fired during Fiscal Year 2007?

—Go 11 years without an increase in the amount coming out of your own pocket for health insurance while, accord-

ing to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, employees nationwide are paying an average 30 percent more this year for coverage than they did in 2001?

—Get pensions and health-care benefits that are, from the day you're hired, guaranteed for a lifetime — even if there's an economic earthquake and the market tanks?

These are all great benefits ... if you can afford them.

But as the second of a four-part series of Bluegrass Institute reports on the state's pension system indicates, not only is Frankfort behind on current pension obligations, the hole keeps getting deeper. Between 2000 and 2010, the commonwealth's unfunded pension liabilities grew by 3,000 percent — from less than \$960 million, a manageable amount — to more than \$30 billion currently.

While the governor talks gambling and Frankfort fights over attempts to protect Congressman Ben Chandler's political career by redrawing lines to lessen the competitiveness of Kentucky's Sixth District, the commonwealth's pension predicament is the white elephant

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's Time To Ban Tobacco

Dear Editor,

I hope to see the day when our lawmakers will ban tobacco nationwide. Most of the addicted smokers would fight this idea. Nobody wants their drugs taken away.

For years the big tobacco company lobbyists have been paying off the politicians to

keep tobacco legal. There is not one good thing you can say about tobacco. Webster's Dictionary says nicotine is poison and also a great insecticide.

There is virtually every kind of deadly warning on each and every pack of smokes. Even with all that is known about the deadly consequences of smoking, today's youngsters are still taking up the addiction to tobacco. How these kids can

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OTHER EDITORS

School Buses Are Not Billboards

The Kentucky House Education Committee approved on Tuesday a measure that would permit the posting of advertisements on public school buses across the commonwealth.

It is a bad bill, and it deserves to be rejected.

House Bill 30, sponsored by Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, is being touted as a way for school districts to make some money in a year when things are tight. Indeed, the push may be greater next week after the Governor's budget is revealed.

Nonetheless, there are several important reasons why ads don't belong on school buses.

The most significant one is safety. Critics of the measure fear that other motorists will become distracted reading the ads and fail to see school buses braking or stopping to pick up students.

Also, Frankfort veterans remember the kinds of petty corruption that existed in school districts prior to the enactment of the Kentucky Education Re-

form Act. They are concerned that the ability to lease ad space would be a temptation for graft among school board members.

Also worrisome is the fact that the bill prohibits some kinds of ads. Barring liquor and tobacco promotions is not a problem; however, prohibiting political ads may very well be an unconstitutional violation of free speech provisions of the First Amendment.

Only seven states have passed legislation like this. Currently, Florida is considering a bill, but it has run into the same kind of criticism that Rep. Mills' bill generates. "We are in a time when everybody is cutting budgets, and I just think we need to think outside the box in this area and other areas for new ways of generating revenue," Mills told WHAS-TV news.

There are other ways to raise revenue (ever think of higher taxes?) for our schools than turning school buses into moving billboards.

—The Courier-Journal

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002.)

The city's first measurable snow of the winter occurred Sunday morning, Jan. 6.

The Panther girls improved their record to 13-4 with a 60-47 win last Thursday night against visiting Crittenden County.

Savannah Faith Adams was born Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Regional Center in Madisonville. She weighed five pounds and 14 ounces.

Jonah Zachariah Ashlock celebrated his second birthday with a party Saturday, Jan. 12, at Catfish Campus in Madisonville.

The funeral for Robert Carl (Bob) McGregor, 90, was held Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, at Beshear Funeral Home.

A graveside service for Madison Sha Lucas was held Monday afternoon, Jan. 14, at Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Mrs. Agnes Purdy Smith, 90, was held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 15, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 22, 1967.)

James Brandon Kolze was born Monday, Jan 12, at Community Methodist Hospital in

Henderson. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce.

Funeral for Clint Nichols Baker, 96, will be held today at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services were held for Jess William Barton, 82, Tuesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 18, 1962.)

The Gambles Store here has been purchased by Joe Russell, Decola Franklin, former owner announced this week.

Tim Lovell celebrated his fourth birthday Tuesday, January 9, with a party in the basement of the First Christian Church.

Mark Stephens Smiley was born Monday, Dec. 11, at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. He weighed six pounds and twelve ounces.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary Ethel Emerson, 64, Monday afternoon in the Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held for Clarence Elzie Adams, 61, Monday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites were conducted for James Robert Strickland, two month old, Sunday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Jan. 22, 1779, famed Tory outlaw Claudius Smith meets his end on the gallows in Goshen, N.Y. Smith earned the label "Cowboy of the Ramapos" for his use of guerrilla tactics against Patriot civilians. Legend has it that Smith's skull was filled with mortar and included in the edifice of the Goshen Court House.

• On Jan. 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. In 1836, Poe married his 13-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm, and completed his first full-length work of fiction, "Arthur Gordon Pym." He became known for dark horror stories like "The Fall of the House of Usher" and "The Tell-Tale Heart."

• On Jan. 17, 1893, on the Hawaiian Islands, a group of American sugar planters under Sanford Ballard Dole overthrow Queen Liliuokalani, the Hawaiian monarch, and establish a new provincial government with Dole as president.

Three hundred U.S. Marines were called to Hawaii, allegedly to protect American lives.

• On Jan. 18, 1912, after a two-month ordeal, the expedition of British explorer Robert Falcon Scott arrives at the

South Pole, only to find that Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen had preceded them by just more than a month. Caught in a storm on the way back to base camp, Scott and two others perished.

• On Jan. 16, 1945, Adolf Hitler, leader of Nazi Germany, takes to his underground bunker, where he remains for 105 days until he commits suicide on April 30 in the waning days of World War II. Hitler and his wife swallowed cyanide capsules (which had been tested on his "beloved" dog and her pups). For good measure, he shot himself with his pistol.

• On Jan. 21, 1957, Patsy Cline, one of the greatest figures in country music history, first gains national attention with her appearance on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts," wowing the studio audience with her performance of "Walkin' After Midnight."

• On Jan. 20, 1980, bleachers at a bullring in Sincelejo, Colombia, collapse, killing 222 people. The deadliest tragedy at a sporting event in Colombia's history was the result of overcrowding and poor construction.

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State Equipment Missing From Agriculture Dept.

By Janet Patton
Lexington Herald-Leader

About a half-million dollars in state property apparently has disappeared from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture or cannot be accounted for properly.

According to inventory records obtained by the Herald-Leader, more than 100 state computers are missing, including some issued personally to former Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, who left office earlier this year after serving eight years.

The state issued Farmer four new Dell laptops in 2010, and he has not returned any of them to the Department of Agriculture, according to the inventory records.

New Agriculture Commissioner James Comer was sworn in Jan. 2. On Wednesday, Comer — in a joint news conference with new state Auditor Adam Edelen — announced

that Comer had asked Edelen to do a sweeping review of the Agriculture Department.

Comer and Edelen acknowledged Wednesday that there was concern about missing state equipment. Comer's of-

LETTER

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afford the high cost of cigarettes is beyond me.

When you look at long-time smokers, you see people with emphysema, COPD and terrible coughing, and worse yet, lung cancer and other cancers. Many foreign countries are way ahead of the United States and have already put country-wide bans on tobacco. Also we must look at the vast reduction in health care costs without nicotine products. Most smokers admit they are addicted and can't quit. What kind of a trap is that.

It's time we recognize that the big tobacco folks are nothing more than murderers and killers. They are selling a product they know is slowly killing you, and they are making a lot of money at your expense. Nearly everyone reading this knows of an older relative who is sick or has died from tobacco use.

Don't look for help from the big tobacco folks. There is no incentive for them to help you break your addiction to their deadly products. They simply want your money.

Tobacco killed my first wife, and two of my best friends have lost their wives to tobacco use. We need to stop protecting this deadly product and see it for what it really is. Tobacco is no different from cocaine, meth, heroine or any other deadly drugs. It all shortens your life. Smoking is still the number one cause of death.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

fice gave the list of lost property to the auditors.

"This is further evidence of the cloud of suspicion that hangs over the Department of Agriculture," Edelen said Thursday about the records of lost property. "My office is certainly aware of this part of a much broader and sweeping investigation."

Comer said in a statement Thursday: "Our employees are in the process of compiling information and working with the auditor's office to assist with their examination of the previous administration. There are going to be lots of questions through this process, but we are going to get answers to them and we will accept nothing less than full transparency and accountability."

When Comer took office, he terminated 16 non-merit employees, including Farmer's girlfriend, Stephanie Sandmann. She had been hired to a \$60,000-a-year job in the Agriculture Department in the waning days of Farmer's unsuccessful campaign as running mate to gubernatorial candidate and Senate President David Williams.

Those 16 former employees turned over all state property not already reported as missing.

Farmer is the only person who has not returned all department-issued equipment, according to the inventory record, said Holly VonLuehrte, general counsel at the Department of Agriculture.

Attempts to contact Farmer on Thursday were unsuccessful. No one answered the door at his Frankfort home, although vehicles were in his driveway.

Some of the state property was last seen at Farmer's home, according to the department's records, including several laptops. One of the \$979 laptops was issued May 2, 2010, and two more were issued the next day.

Altogether, at least \$10,842 in computers issued to Farmer or directly to his office appear to be gone.

In all, the list of missing inventory obtained from the Department of Agriculture details 171 items worth about \$334,000, including computers, digital cameras, printers, copiers and other equipment.

Some of the lost equipment might date to the late 1990s under the administration of Farmer's predecessor, Billy Ray Smith.

Whether any of the losses were reported to the state is unclear.

An additional 103 items worth \$146,000 that were supposed to have been given back to the state as surplus do not have the required disposition numbers that acknowledge they have been returned. Department of Agriculture officials are unable to say whether the

goods are missing or if, in fact, they have been returned.

The Finance and Administration Cabinet, which administers state surplus equipment, could not immediately say how many of the items might have been returned. Cindy Lanham, Finance Cabinet spokeswoman, said they were able to find two items — a laser printer and a computer — that had been returned on May 16, 2010.

Without proper records, which appear to be missing from the Agriculture Department, looking for equipment returned before 2009 will be "like looking for a needle in a haystack," Lanham said.

Smith, the former agriculture commissioner, served on Comer's transition team and said Thursday that he did not remember any significant losses of computers, vehicles or other equipment during his

tenure, from 1996 to 2003.

Smith said the scale of the missing equipment was "a surprise."

He doesn't remember the department having any vans, and computers in the field were a rarity in his time, Smith said.

But even one missing computer "would have been a big deal," he said. "Anything that goes missing that's state property, it's a concern."

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which has about 250 employees and a \$29 million budget, is the state's largest regulatory agency, responsible for the pumps at the gas station, weights at livestock sales, rides at amusement parks and fairs, scanners at grocery stores, livestock and race-horse health, water quality, promoting fruit and vegetable sales, and more.

State Jobs Head The List

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in the room that's raising its trunk and howling.

Few are listening, even though Lowell Reese, the author of the institute's report and a former state Chamber of Commerce executive, warns the pension crisis "has become a societal issue," and that "the standard of living of all Kentuckians is at stake."

Reese estimates at least \$23 billion is needed to nurse the state's pension system back to even moderate health — a tall order for a state whose entire annual budget is \$9 billion.

He blames legislators for exacerbating the pension system's problems by amending pension policies, using at least

"41 moving parts that can be wiggle, increasing benefits" as a vote-peddling tool.

Legislators could make some decisions right now that might be tough but would give them some latitude — like, say, placing all new hires on a different plan that would require them to share more of the cost of their own pension and health-care costs. Or, they can wait until much-more unpleasant decisions are forced upon them.

Considering Kentucky's public pensions are more protected by statutes and court rulings than the gold at Fort Knox ever was, tomorrow's choices for lawmakers could force them to crowd out funds for essential government ser-

vices like public safety in order to keep the state's pension systems afloat.

The private sector found out a long time ago that too much pension gravy slows the train. So, companies made tough decisions based on limited choices: Change the way benefits are structured or send employees to unemployment lines and businesses to bankruptcy courts.

But state governments can't file bankruptcy. So, 90 percent of state and local government workers nationwide still have the kind of pension benefits found in lah-lah land; only 24 percent of private-sector workers have such plans.

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LIGHT snow provided just enough of the white stuff for Emma Argo to make this snow angel after last week's snowfall, the first of the season.

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Bill Filed To Combat Methamphetamine

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as Sudafed, Claritin-D and other cold remedies that contain ephedrine or related drugs essential to cooking meth have been moved behind the pharmacist's counter. Anyone who wants to purchase one of these drugs must sign a ledger, and the amount that can be purchased is limited. However, under current law, an individual who has been previously convicted of a meth-related offense is not precluded from purchasing these products

even though these products are essential ingredients for the production of meth.

"We currently have the fourth-largest number of meth lab incidents in the country. This is not a statistic that we're proud of," said Rhoads, who serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "As legislators, we are trying to get a handle on this situation with a means to eradicate the problem. I think my bill will have positive results. SB 79 will help keep the products — ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, pheny-

lopropanolamine or the salts of optical isomers — that are used to make meth, out of the hands of those who use them illegally without punishing ordinary Kentuckians who just want to get a cold or allergy medicine without going to the doctor."

Rhoads is committed to enacting legislation to help combat the meth crisis.

"We have a serious drug problem, and meth is the worst of the worst. Not only is it a dangerous blight on our state, but meth abuse is costly as well," he said.

Mayor Shares Priorities With Council

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be addressed. The first step will be a meeting Feb. 3 with the state Economic Development Cabinet. Seymore, Sewell and Rhonda Mills will attend.

Sewell said she will begin training for her new position. She will also attend meetings of the Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation, where the mayor of Dawson Springs has a seat on the board of directors.

Other events affecting the city which Sewell brought to the council's attention included physician replacement at the local clinic. Sewell spoke with Bert Whittaker, president and CEO of Trover Health Systems, who said a replacement for Dr. Michael Hack is being recruited. In the interim, a nurse practitioner will be on duty at the clinic.

The 2012 Kentucky State Historic Preservation Conference in September will be held locally, Sewell said. Princeton, Dawson Springs and Eddyville applied together to host the event. Many of the approximately 500 expected participants will be lodged at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park, which will also be one of the main attractions.

Charlie Kington with the city's auditor, Berry & Kington, presented the 2010-2011 audit report.

"Overall, the city of Dawson Springs is in sound financial condition," Kington said, noting that although expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts, sources to offset the overages were found.

"What impresses me is we've been consistent in our process over the years," Rick Hendrickson commented.

He went on to say the city owes special thanks to Debbie Cansler, long-time assistant city clerk, as well as city clerk Janet Dunbar.

Rhonda Mills presented an update on the recycling program which began in Novem-



BO HESTER, interim superintendent of the city street department, speaks with new mayor Jenny Sewell following her swearing in at a ceremony last week.

ber. In a year-to-year comparison, 102.44 tons of trash were taken to the landfill in November 2010 as opposed to 78.5 tons in November 2011.

Although Mills said other factors may account for some of the difference, she believes at least part must be due to recycling. The city will not profit from the recycling efforts but can save landfill costs.

For the past month, materials from the collection bins have been picked up free of charge by the Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center. Mills recommended staying with the Opportunity Center even though it can no longer afford to provide free pickup. The city will pull the trailers to Greenville once or twice a month, and the Opportunity Center will continue to pick up cardboard locally.

A review of the amended golf cart ordinance was tabled until the February meeting because city attorney Ben Leonard was unable to attend Monday night's meeting.

In other action, the mayor

made three reappointments to city boards. John Rogers and Joe Redden were reappointed to the Airport Board for terms of office expiring Dec. 31, 2014. Don Egbert was reappointed to the Ethics Board. His three-year term will expire Jan. 1, 2015.

Sewell said she will have to resign from the Historic Commission as a result of becoming mayor. Councilman Ray Bochart will also have to resign his seat on the commission.

Announcements included the closing of the Poplar Street bridge over the P&L Railroad Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for work by the Kentucky Department of Transportation. If the weather is not suitable, the work will be delayed until the following day.

City offices will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day. Garbage will run on a one-day delay that week with the first day for pickup being Tuesday.

The regular February council meeting will be moved to Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

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Lack Of Offense Leads To Two Panther Losses

A lack of offensive production led to two Panther boys defeats. Union County, coached by former Panther Mike Hensley, visited Panther gym Jan. 12 and defeated the home team 59-30.

The Panthers then visited Madisonville to play North Hopkins Jan. 13 and came home with an 80-35 thumping.

The losses brought the Panthers' record down to 2-15 entering Tuesday's 2nd Region All "A" Classic tournament game against Trigg County. (The score was not known at press time.) The Wildcats defeated the Panthers 99-28 at Cadiz in the season's first game.

Against the Braves from Union County, the visitors doubled up the score in the opening two quarters, leading 12-6 after the first and 24-12 at halftime.

Things got worse in the third quarter as the Panthers scored six points in the period but gave up 17 to face a 42-18 deficit entering the fourth quarter.

"We missed lots of layups," coach Jeff Miller said. "We couldn't make them."

Tré Fambrough and Ryan McKnight led the Panthers in scoring with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Braves' sophomore guard Jashad Fleming led all scorers with 25 points.

Colton Chapple scored five for the Panthers; Trey Miller added two; and Todd Bullock scored one point.

"It just wasn't our night," Miller said. "It's the worst we've shot, layups and everything, all season long."

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Bullock	0	1	5	1
McKnight	4	0	1	10
Smiley	0	0	4	0
Chapple	2	0	3	5
Miller	1	0	3	2
Fambrough	6	0	3	12
Br. Puckett	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	13	1	20	30



RYAN McKNIGHT lays in a shot during the Panthers' game against Union County Thursday, Jan. 12. McKnight put 10 points on the board in the Panthers' 59-30 loss to the Braves.

photo by Mike Howton

3-pointers: McKnight (2), Chapple	Foster	6	1	1	13
	Budeman	2	0	3	6
	Ricketson	0	2	0	2
UNION CO.	FG	FT	F	TP	
Fleming	10	5	2	25	

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TREY MILLER goes up for a shot Thursday, Jan. 12, during the Panthers' game against Union County.

photo by Mike Howton

Panther Girls Fall In All 'A' Classic

The Panther girls played host to the Crittenden County Rockets in the first round of the 2nd Region All "A" Classic Tournament Monday night at Panther gym. The Rockets defeated the Panthers 57-44 in the opening round of the tournament.

Crittenden County sprinted out to an early 8-0 lead before the Panthers went on a 10-1 run of their own to take a 10-9 lead late in the first quarter. After the Rockets retook the lead, the teams traded baskets to end the quarter.

"I couldn't ask them to play better defense. But we just didn't rebound the ball and made too many turnovers."

-Coach Erik Peyton

However, the Panthers went ice cold from the floor after Rihana McKnight made a runner from 5 feet to tie the score at 15. The Panthers didn't make

another field goal in the half but did convert on nine of 11 free throws in the first half. The Rockets held a 23-19 lead at halftime.

The Panthers didn't make another field goal until Amber Genseal made a 12-footer with 2:39 left in the third quarter to pull to 30-24 because good defense kept the Panthers close.

Just seconds later, Panther head coach Erik Peyton was called for not one, but two technical fouls, and the Rockets converted on three of the four free throws to take a 35-24 lead.

The margin stayed in double digits the rest of the way, in spite of the Panthers fouling and sending the Rockets to the free throw stripe.

Bailey Brown, the Rockets' point guard, made 11 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the win. She finished with a game-high 24 points.

Elizabeth Black led the Panthers with 15 points, and McKnight also reached double figures with 11. Tayler Mills scored six; Genseal had four; and Lauren Menser, Shelby Loney, Carly Bruce and Malaia Miller each scored two.

"They (Crittenden County) were well prepared," Peyton said. "They had something to prove."

The Panthers had beaten the Rockets 55-42 on Jan. 9 on this same floor.



LAUREN MENSER takes control of the basketball as the Panther girls take on the Crittenden County Rockets Monday, Jan. 16, in the first round of the 2nd Region All "A" Classic Tournament at Panther gym.

photo by Mike Howton

"I couldn't ask them to play better defense," Peyton said about his team. "But we just didn't rebound the ball and made too many turnovers."

The Panthers, after making 9 of 11 free throws in the first half, made only seven of 14 in the second half to shoot

64 percent for the game. The Rockets made 25 of 41 for 61 percent.

Crittenden County will play University Heights in the semifinals tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in Panther gym. The first game at 6 has Livingston Central playing Webster County.

The Panthers go on the road Friday to play Fort Campbell, a team the Panthers beat at home 43-39 Dec. 9, and play Hopkins County Central in a boy/girl doubleheader on the road Jan. 24.

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Panther Girls Fall To Trigg And North

The Panther girls couldn't hold a 22-20 halftime lead and lost to Trigg County 66-53 at Cadiz Jan. 10.

The Wildcats' senior point guard Alyssa Maxey turned the game around in the second half.

"Their point guard had two points at the half and dropped 25 points on us in the second half," Panther coach Erik Peyton said. "We played excellent on defense in the first half."

The Panthers led 16-12 after the first quarter but lost their two-point halftime lead and were behind 41-37 after three quarters.

"I don't know if we were satisfied or thought we had it in the bag or what," Peyton said. "But we came out and let them do what they wanted. We did the opposite of what we did to be successful in the first half."

Taylor Mills led the Panthers with 20 points. Elizabeth Black also scored in double figures for the Panthers with 14 points.

The Panthers made 17 free throws in 30 attempts for 57 percent. Trigg County made 20 of 31 for 65 percent.

Rihana McKnight scored nine points, Lauren Menser had six and Shelby Loney added four points for the Panthers.

"The first half was an excellent 16 minutes," Peyton said.

Trigg County improved to 9-6 with the win.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Mills	7	6	3	20
Black	4	6	5	14
Genseal	0	0	3	0
McKnight	2	5	4	9
Menser	3	0	4	6
Loney	2	0	3	4
TOTALS	18	17	22	53

TRIGG CO.	FG	FT	F	TP
Mize	1	4	4	6
Maxey	8	11	0	27
L. Grubbs	3	2	4	10
Martin	0	1	2	1

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Good Week Is When Your Picks Are First

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Ever have a weekend when, to borrow a horse racing analogy, all your picks hit the finish line first? Sure you have — it's a perfect weekend.

Bob Watkins Kentucky beat Tennessee in Knoxville and put the Wildcats atop the SEC standings again. The occasion brought to mind a declaration by a reporter a decade ago, "Kentucky's reign over the SEC is over."

• No. 8 Kentucky women beat No. 6 Tennessee in Lexington. A'dia Mathies was marvelous to the end. Yet, beyond exhilaration and celebration, a pall of sadness hung over the scene at Memorial Coliseum. Pat Summitt was in shadow.

• No. 14 Murray State ran its record to 18-0, in front of a record crowd and an ESPN audience. In a bit of irony, guard Donte Poole assured all within earshot the media rush and television attention would not distract his team. For decades Murray coaches, players and fans have complained about lack of media attention.

Butler University made the conversation last week when Murray State director of athletics Allen Ward dismissed comparisons to Kentucky and Louisville, and sighted Brad Stevens'

Butler program as a worthy basketball model for success for the Racers.

The Racers have had 25 consecutive winning seasons. Last time they didn't, Bob Knight was coaching Indiana to a national title and Ronald Reagan was in the White House, 1987. The Racers finished 13-15.

More good stuff ...

• No. 3 North Carolina was hampered then quit at Clemson.

• No.13 Michigan lost at Iowa.

• Northwestern Wildcats outsmarted and beat No. 8 Michigan State.

• Vanderbilt won its seventh in a row, beating Georgia. Vandy and UK fans rechecked their calendars — February 11 in Nashville.

• Tubby Smith's Minnesota team won twice on the road last week including a stunner over the Hoosiers in Bloomington.

Closer to home favorites ...

• Burgin High's Bulldogs ran their season record to 12-3 last week. Ranked 199th in Kentucky, winning and sensible scheduling make coach Don Irvine's team number one in my book.

• Johnson Central High running back J.J. Jude has a scholarship with Eastern Kentucky University.

WHEN C-PLUS AIN'T BAD

John Calipari's scholarship players at Kentucky chalked up a 2.57 grade point average for the fall semester, according to a university release. C-plus isn't bad considering time,

routine and travel demands of basketball, particularly freshmen doing it all for the first time.

C-plus average is a notch above good because — imagine you're 18 years old, away from home for the first time doing your work in a fish bowl setting that includes...

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Handle what? Example: Terrence Jones goes for a loose ball against Tennessee then is grabbed around the waist from behind by Jeronne Maymon. Jones reached for the ball Maymon flung himself to the floor. Jones is whistled for a foul and Maymon smirks. Jones grimaced, was incredulous, but turned and headed the other way.

In an instant, Jones learned a lesson and also taught one to Johnny Jumpshot watching on television — life ain't always fair, but you man up, handle it and play on.

C-plus for growing up, isn't bad. **KENTUCKY SPORTS PERSON 2011**

The (my) candidates are...

• Scott Davenport, Bellarmine. Coached the basketball Knights to 33-2 and the school's first ever NCAA Division II championship and was named NABC coach of the year.

• Kelly Wells, coached Pikeville College to the NAIA national championship and was named national coach of the year.

• Kenneth Faried, most popular basketball player in Kentucky last season while making hoops a passion again at Morehead State. All-American Faried led the Eagles to the NCAA and a school treasure, beating Louisville.

• Josh Harrellson. Best Cinderella story of the year. No more than a hold-over from Billy Gillispie's forgettable time at Kentucky, Harrellson became the lynchpin in Kentucky's drive to a Final Four. Afterwards, "Jorts" earned his college degree and a six-figure contract with the New York Knicks.

• Phillip Haywood at Belfry became the state's winningest high school football coach and immediately deflected praise to community, coach colleagues, players and his faith.

And the winner is...

Dr. Eli Capilouto. University of Kentucky president ran up the flag of reform immediately. His board of trustees voted to move control of athletics spending into hands of a committee chosen by the board and president. Next, Capilouto made campus and buildings improvements a priority.

Appropriately, when Capilouto visited Kentucky lawmakers to glad-hand over future funding legislation,

the person at his side was not Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, nor chairman of the trustees Britt Brockman, nor director of athletics Mitch Barnhart. It was ball coach John Calipari endorsing his president, splashing good will, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

MILESTONES

At Mt. Sterling, Bob Butler, three-time letterman for Blanton Collier at Kentucky in the early 1960s, said the other day, "11-26-2011 was a super day (for me). One I will long remember. Susan and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and Kentucky defeated Tennessee for the first time in football in 27 years."

And, Butler reminded us, Collier's Kentucky teams were 5-2-1 against Tennessee. "Those were the good old days."

TRIBUTE

Richard Threlkeld died last week. He was 74. One of the finest television journalists of his day, the former CBS and ABC reporter covered, among many stories, the Vietnam War. For me, his colleague Bob Simon (60 Minutes) offered the perfect tribute last week.

"(Threlkeld) really didn't give a damn about being on camera. He didn't do many stand-ups. He always figured there was more interesting footage than himself."

And so it goes.

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KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Parasites Are Found On Bass In Lake Cumberland

By Art Lander Jr.

Fisheries biologists at Lake Cumberland found a parasitic copepod is the cause of unusual sores on the tongue and mouth of striped bass in the lake.

"When we sampled the lake's striped bass fishery in mid-December, every fish we handled was infested," said John Williams, southeastern district fishery biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The copepod, genus Achtheres, has been found in recent years in mountain lakes in Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

"The parasites infest the fish's oral cavity and do not affect the fish's flesh. The fish are okay to eat," said Williams.

The external parasites are visible to the naked eye. Young copepods attach to the fish's gill filaments and migrate to its mouth as adults to reproduce. The parasites can impact the gills and hamper respiration in larger fish.

It's uncertain at this time if the parasite is native to the region or has somehow been introduced. Angler transfer of fish through livewells and the introductions of infected fish may have enabled the parasite to spread so quickly from lake to lake in the region.

Williams said the parasites have also been found on a small percentage of large-mouth bass in three reservoirs in south central Kentucky: Wood Creek Lake, Laurel River Lake and Cedar Creek Lake.

"Fish get a variety of para-

sites. They are an annoyance," said Williams. "They would not be the primary cause of a die-off of stripers in Lake Cumberland."

Another mystery is why the parasite spread so rapidly through the population.

"We suspect the lowering of body condition has made striped bass more susceptible to the parasites," said Williams.

Lake Cumberland, a 50,250-acre major reservoir near Jamestown, is the state's premier striped bass fishery and has supported a quality population of stripers since the 1980s.

In 2007, Lake Cumberland was drawn down about 40 feet below summer pool to make repairs to Wolf Creek Dam. Since that time, the body condition of striped bass in the lake has been impacted due to the loss of cool water habitat in the fall.

"Growth rates have declined considerably. In the past, it took striped bass in Lake Cumberland three years to reach the keeper size of 24 inches. Now, we have a majority of fish stockpiling below that length," said Williams. "We believe all this is due to conditions that are stressing fish. They're not eating and are not growing as fast."

However, Williams said the stomachs of striped bass recently sampled were full.

"In December, the stripers were up in the creeks gorging on small shad. By all indications, there was a good shad spawn last spring," he said.

An ecological study funded by Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries found that a number of lakes in the region with populations of striped bass have been affected as early as 2000.

The parasites were first identified on striped bass in the Potomac River in 1915. A study in the 1950s in Louisiana found the parasite on black bass, bullheads and other sport fish species.

Recent research suggests that two species may exist in lakes in the southeastern United States, but the impact of infestations is poorly understood. Researchers found that the abundance of the parasites is seasonal and cyclic and often reflects the overall condition of the host.

BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY



BRAYDEN BUTLER (right) goes up for a shot during a recent youth basketball game as Carlton McCuiston defends on the play.

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BRAXTON COTTON defends Owin Riley as he heads for the basket during a Youth League basketball game Saturday Jan. 7.

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Youth League Teams See Action Saturday

By
Taylor Mills

In youth basketball league games Saturday, Hank Mills and Amy Elam’s senior league Purple team played Bryan Thomas’ White team. Thomas’ White team won 41-9. On the White team Austin Clark had 12 points, and Ethan Garrison and Jacob Guill both had eight points. Cameron Orten had six points, and Cole Collins had three points. Both Edward Sanchez and Devon Baker had two points. On the Purple team Kevin Brooks had six points and Braxton Cotton had three points.

Josh Riley’s senior league Black team beat Donnie Howton’s Green team 39-14. On the Black team Isaiah Radford had 18 points, and Justin Putman had 13 points. Tyler Weir scored four points, and Tori Bullock and Cole Cunningham had two points each. On the Green team Ryan Bardin scored eight points and Skyler Adamson scored six.

Casey Lagrange’s girls Green team beat Chad Spurlin’s team 26-18. On the Green team Camryn Lagrange had 22 points. Zoe Howton and Mad-die Huddleston both had two points. On the white team Alyssa Dismang scored 14 points. Hayley Hart and Alli Pleasant both had two points.

Misty Butler’s junior league Blue team beat Brandon Cunningham’s Black team 24-17. On the Blue team Ayden Davis had 16 points, and Ethan Jones had four. Both Brayden Butler and Ethan Fain scored two points. On the Black team Skyler Clark scored 11 points. Brennen Cunningham, Angel Mendoza and Dylan Dawson scored two points each.

Rhonda Simpson’s girls Orange team beat Chad Spurlin’s



RYAN BARDIN takes the shot as Kameron Orten attempts to block him Saturday, Jan. 7, during a Youth League basketball game.

photo by Mike Howton

White team 18-6. On the Orange team Kaylee Simpson and Kylee James scored six points each. Heather Genseal scored four points, and Makayla Jackson scored two points. On the White team Alyssa Dismang scored all six points.

Jason Stuart’s junior league Green team beat David Smi-

ley’s Purple team 18-8. On the Green team Ethan Huddleston scored 15 points, Ethan Stuart scored two points and Carlton McCuiston scored one point. On the Purple team Dalton Simons score four points, and Logan McKnight scored two points. Both Talon Mors and Slade Ramsey scored one point.

Girls JV Comes Up Short

The Panther girls junior varsity played even with Trigg County for the first three quarters before losing 38-31 Jan. 10 at Cadiz.

The Panthers faced one-point deficits of 6-5 and 16-15 following the first two quarters, then pulled even at 22 in the third quarter. However, the Panthers gave up 16 points in the final quarter to lose to the Wildcats.

Shelby Loney led the Panthers with a game-

high 18 points on six field goals and two 3-pointers.

Tiki Robinson scored three for the Panthers and Andie Mills, Allie Mills, Malaia Miller, Presley Todd and Hannah Winters each scored two points.

The junior varsity is scheduled to play their next game on the road at Fort Campbell Friday night.

JV Boys Battle Union

The Union County Braves visited Panther gym Jan. 10 and handed the junior varsity Panthers a 45-41 hard-fought defeat.

After giving up a 14-8 first quarter lead to the Braves, the Panthers fought back in the secon and third periods, outscoring the Braves in each frame.

The score was 19-17 with the Panthers trailing at halftime and was tied at 24 after three

quarters.

Austin Stevens led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 23 points. He made five 3-pointers and was four of five from the free throw line.

Seventh grader Dylan Simpson scored six points; Ben Puckett scored five; T.J. Puckett added four; Reed Smiley scored two; and Brad Puckett made one point for the Panthers.

Lack Of Offense Leads To Two Panther Losses

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McCormick	3	0	2	6
Burnette	0	3	1	3
K. Davis	0	0	1	0
S. Davis	1	1	0	3
Loxley	0	0	1	0
Smith	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	22	13	11	59
3-pointers: Budeman (2)				

Union Co.	12	24	42	59
Panthers	6	12	18	30

The Panthers ran into a good team playing well at Madisonville and fell behind 26-11 after the first quarter and 46-20 at the half. The Maroons kept on rolling and led 69-28 after the third quarter.

“They (North Hopkins) brought their ‘A’ game. They were ready to play and it showed,” Miller said.

McKnight led the Panthers in scoring with 10 points; Miller scored eight; Bullock

and Chapple each added six; and Fambrough scored five points.

Daylyn Jones led a balanced attack for the Maroons with a game-high 13 points. Three others scored in double figures as 13 scored for the winners.

“We had 26 turnovers,” Miller said. “We were trying to force passes that weren’t there.”

The Panthers made five of eight free throws for 63 percent. North Hopkins made 13 of 21 for 62 percent.

Next up for the Panther boys following the 2nd Region All “A” Classic is a boy/girl doubleheader Jan. 24 at Hopkins County Central

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Bullock	2	2	4	6
McKnight	4	0	2	10
Smiley	0	0	0	0
Chapple	2	0	1	6

Miller	3	0	4	8
Fambrough	1	3	2	5
Stevens	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	12	5	14	35
3-pointers: McKnight (2), Chapple (2), Miller (2)				

N. HOPKINS	SFG	FT	F	TP
Combs	4	2	1	11
White	1	1	2	3
Jones	6	0	0	13
Tandy	1	3	2	6
Carr	2	0	0	6
Soder	3	0	0	6
Dulin	2	7	1	11
Hopson	5	0	0	12
Springfield	0	0	3	0
Waide	1	0	2	2
Fisher	1	0	0	2
Thomas	2	0	2	4
Warren	1	0	0	2
Buntin	2	0	0	4
TOTALS	31	13	13	80
3-pointers: Combs, Jones, Tandy, Hopson (2)				

Panthers	11	20	28	35
N. Hopkins	26	46	69	80



AMBER GENSEAL makes her way down the floor during the Panther girls’ first-round game of the 2nd Region All “A” Classic Monday, Jan. 16. The Panthers lost to Crittenden County 57-44.

photo by Mike Howton

Girls Fall In All ‘A’

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PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
McKnight	4	3	5	11
Genseal	2	0	3	4
Black	4	7	5	15
Mills	0	6	4	6
Menser	1	0	5	2
Loney	1	0	1	2
Todd	0	0	1	0

Bruce	1	0	0	2
Winters	0	0	2	0
Miller	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	14	16	26	44

CRITT CO.	FG	FT	F	TP
Binkley	2	1	4	5
Head	3	0	3	6
Collins	1	3	1	5

Brown	4	16	3	24
Oliver	3	1	4	7
McDowell	1	0	0	2
Mattingly	2	2	4	6
Davis	0	2	2	2
TOTALS	16	25	21	57

Crittenden Co.	13	23	35	57
Panthers	12	19	26	44

Panther Girls Drop 2

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K. Grubbs	9	2	3	22
Stallons	0	0	2	0
Greene	0	0	4	0
TOTALS	21	20	19	66
3-pointers: L. Grubbs (2), K. Grubbs (2)				

Panthers	16	22	37	53
Trigg Co.	12	20	41	66

In the Friday boy/girl doubleheader played at Madisonville Jan. 13, North Hopkins defeated the Panthers 47-26.

The Panthers started off slow, scoring only four points in the first quarter to fall behind 10-4 after the first quarter.

“We only scored 11 points in the first half,” Peyton said. “We couldn’t do anything right. We couldn’t buy a bucket.”

The offense improved, but the defense slipped as the lead swelled to 15 at the half,

26-11.

The score after three periods was 36-19.

Mills and Black led the Panthers in scoring with 11 and eight points, respectively.

The only other two Panthers to score were McKnight with five and Todd with two points.

Sophomore guard Morgan Duvall led the Maroons with a game-high 16 points.

“I wanted them to play hard, and do the little things,” Peyton said. “But the little things was what we did not do. We didn’t rebound. We had 29 turnovers.”

The Maroons’ record was 5-12 after the win, while the Panthers slipped to 4-14.

Neither team shot well from the free throw stripe. The Panthers made 12 out of 23 attempts for 52 percent. The Maroons made eight out of 16 for 50 percent.

“It may be one of the worst

performances we have had,” Peyton said.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Mills	3	5	4	11
Black	1	6	1	8
Genseal	0	0	0	0
Loney	0	0	3	0
McKnight	2	1	3	5
Menser	0	0	1	0
Todd	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	7	12	13	26

N. HOPKINS	SFG	FT	F	TP
McClellan	2	1	2	5
Cummings	0	0	2	0
Duvall	5	3	1	16
Taylor	2	0	2	4
Gootee	0	0	5	0
Wood	0	0	2	0
McNary	5	3	2	13
Enoch	0	0	1	0
Prelow	4	1	2	9
TOTALS	18	8	21	47
3-pointers: Duvall (3)				

Panthers	4	11	19	26
N. Hopkins	10	26	36	47

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important

business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE by Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K
♥ J 10 9 6 4
♦ J 9
♣ Q 8 7 4

WEST
♥ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ A 9 3

EAST
♠ 8 6
♥ —
♦ K 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ J 10 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ A K 8 5 3 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K 6 5

The bidding:
West 1 ♠
North Pass
East 2 ♦
South 2 ♥

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This hand was played by Sam Fry Jr. of New York way back in 1934. It seems impossible to make four hearts against proper defense by East-West, but the fact is that Fry not only made the contract, but there was also no way of stopping him.

West led the ace of diamonds, East signaling for a continuation by playing the eight. But West shifted to a spade at trick two, from which Fry concluded that East must have started with an eight-card diamond suit because it would have made no sense for West to shift to a spade if he had another diamond to lead.

Taking full advantage of this

knowledge, Fry won the spade shift with the king, led a trump to the ace, played a spade to dummy's ace, then led the jack of trumps from dummy and ducked it to West's queen!

This deliberate concession of a trump trick that did not have to be lost was certainly extraordinary, but it was the only way to make four hearts. West stewed for a long time, trying to find a suitable reply to the Greek gift he had received, but there was no escape.

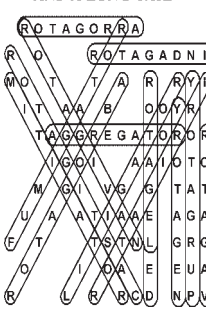
In practice, West tried the ace and another club. This allowed Fry to score three club tricks and dispose of his remaining diamond loser, so the contract was made.

Observe that it would not have helped West to lead a spade after taking his queen of hearts. In that case, South ruffs the spade in dummy, discarding a club from his hand, and leads a club to the king. West takes the king with the ace and returns a club to dummy's queen. Declarer then ruffs a club, establishing dummy's fourth club as a trick, and crosses to dummy with a trump to discard his diamond loser on the good club.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

WORDS WITH BIG TEETH
AND A LONG TAIL



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer								
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6	4	3	7	5	1	9	8	2
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7	5	8	4	2	9	6	3	1



PEOPLE

MCC Invites The Public To Enter Writing Contest

The 2012 Stanley Lewis Multicultural/Diversity Writing Contest sponsored by Madisonville Community College is now open. This contest is an opportunity for students and the community to share their thoughts, feelings and ideas through poems, essays, short stories or any combination of these. It was established in memory of Stanley Lewis, MCC's first African American faculty member, a man who was dedicated to meeting the needs of students and providing the best service possible to all.

Lewis was an active member and trustee at Eastview Baptist Church in Madisonville. The church remembers him through their contribution of a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond as the prize

for the first place winner. Additional prizes are supported by the MCC Endowed Scholarship Fund and the F.O. and Earnestine Baker Diversity Endowment. The second place winner receives a \$300 U.S. Savings Bond, and the third place winner will receive a \$100 U.S. savings Bond. The contest is also open to public, private and home school elementary and middle school students. A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond will be given for the best submission in this category.

The entry deadline is Feb. 3. Submissions should relate to multiculturalism and/or diversity in some capacity. To obtain an entry form or for additional information, phone Cherry Berges at 824-8677 or Patricia Jewell at 824-8676.



LOGAN DAVENPORT, drummer for the Dawson Springs High School pep band, performs at a basketball game Monday, Jan. 16.

photo by Mike Howton

WKU Students Honored With Journalism Awards

Western Kentucky University students have finished first and third in the first photojournalism competition in the 52nd annual Hearst Journalism Awards Program and three other students placed in the top 10 in multimedia and broadcasting competitions.

Brynn Anderson of Bowling Green won the news and features photo category and received a \$2,600 award. Christian Randolph of Oxnard, Calif., placed third and received a \$1,500 award. Anderson and Randolph also qualified for the Hearst program's semifinal round of judging in May.

WKU's School of Journalism & Broadcasting received matching awards.

WKU is in first place in the Hearst program's Intercollegiate Photojournalism Competition followed by Ohio University; Central Michigan University; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Kent State University; Pennsylvania State University; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; San Francisco State University; University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale; and Kansas State University. WKU has won the Hearst Intercollegiate Photojournalism Championship 19 times in the past 22 years including three consecutive titles.

Three WKU students placed in the top 10 in the Hearst program's multimedia and broadcasting competitions.

In the narrative multimedia storytelling – features, Bethany Mollenkof of Chattanooga, Tenn., placed sixth and Leslye Davis of Greensburg placed ninth.

In the student broadcast television features competition, Tommy Parker of Bowling

Green placed seventh.

Often called the "Pulitzers of College Journalism," the Hearst program holds yearlong competitions in writing, photojournalism, broadcast and multimedia offering more than \$550,000 in scholarships, matching grants and stipends. Points from each competition are calculated to determine the Overall Intercollegiate winners.

WKU's School of Journalism & Broadcasting placed third overall in the 2010-11 Hearst program and has ranked among the top eight nationally for 18 consecutive years.

JSMC Appoints Members To Medical Staff Positions

Physicians on staff at Jennie Stuart Medical Center have elected Veerabhadra Chirravuri, MD, president of the medical staff for 2012. Chirravuri, a board-certified internal medicine physician, had been president-elect in the past year.

He has served in several leadership roles on the medical staff, including Medical Executive Committee, as well as the Credentials, Finance and Governing Board Quality committees. He joined JSMC's medical staff in 1999.

Also elected to one-year terms were Michael Clark, MD, president-elect; Daniel Lopez, MD, past president; Pankaj Shah, MD, communications officer; Harold Calvert, MD and Kishorkumar Desai, MD, members at large; William Farthing, MD, chairman, Diagnostic and Radiologic



V. CHIRRAVURI

Services; Rao Velaga, MD, chairman, Medicine; John Stitt, MD, chairman, Women's and Maternal Fetal Medicine; Rudy Robbe, MD, chairman, Surgery; Ratilal Gajera, MD, chairman, Credentials; and Casey Covington, MD, chairman, Medical Staff Development.

New Biking/Hiking Trails Are Progressing At LBL

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area recently welcomed a crew from Trails Unlimited to carry on construction of the new biking and hiking trail that parallels US 68/KY 80. The continuation of this new trail is a mitigation project for the newly constructed four-lane highway through LBL.

The new 8.5 miles of trail

will include 12 bridges and 6,000 tons of surfacing stone made of manufactured sand from the Canton Quarry. Visitors are invited to enjoy the three miles of paved trail already completed from Lake Barkley west to Road 160. Completion of the new trail is tentatively planned for March 2012 (weather permitting).

LBL Offers Opportunities To Join 'Winter Watches'

Got the winter blues? Embrace the season by joining staff for one of the many wildlife-viewing van tours offered at Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area.

During January, February and March, there are multiple guided tours offering outdoor enthusiasts a chance to witness some of nature's greatest moments.

Registration is required for all tours, and space is limited. Please call 270-924-2020, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to learn more about each tour and make your reservation.

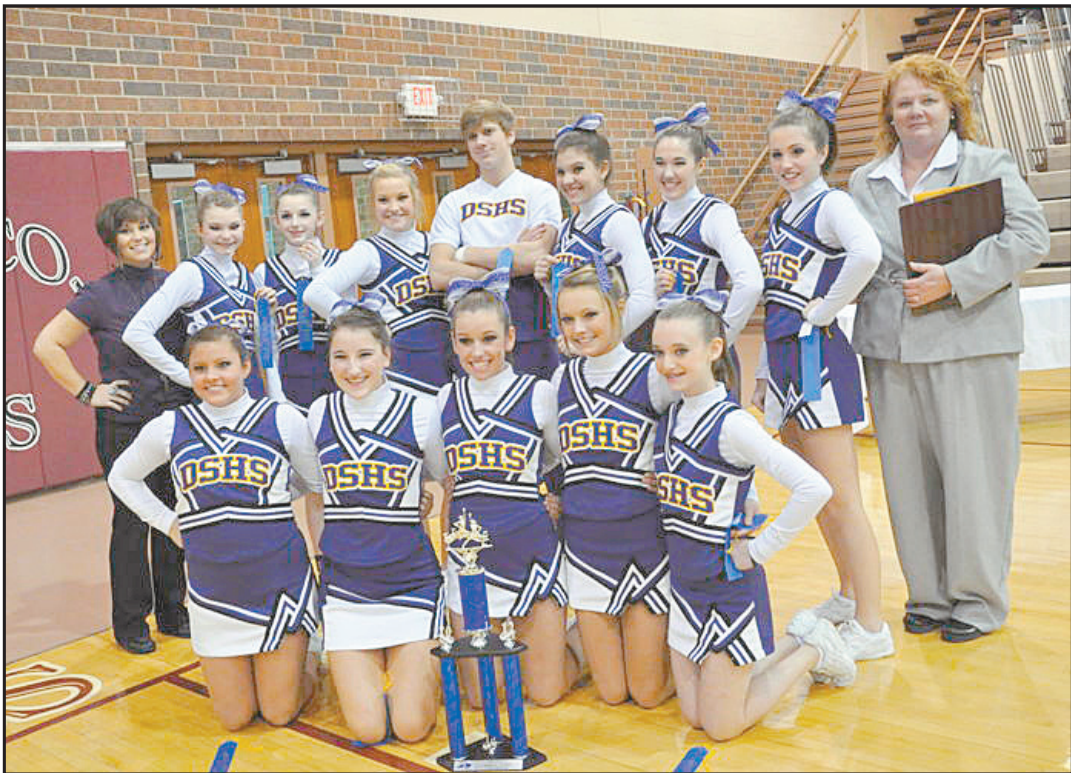
The ongoing Nature Watch tour series highlights many birds that call the LBL area home during the winter. During these tours, visitors may see everything from pelicans to pintails.

LBL continues to offer Eagle Viewing Van Tours from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 22, 29, and Feb. 5. Winter is

the peak season for seeing bald eagles in LBL; both resident eagles and visiting "snowbirds" are out looking for fish around the lakes. Staff members will take visitors to the best spots in LBL for spotting these magnificent creatures. Cost is \$7/adult and \$5/child.

On Feb. 11, LBL will offer a special Nature Watch tour that brings visitors to Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, just south of LBL. Explore this bottomland habitat in search of harriers, sandhill cranes, and thousands of migrant ducks. The cost is \$10/adult and \$7/child and runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

The month of March offers a chance to see hundreds of pelicans as they migrate through the area, as well as resident eagles on their giant nests, incubating eggs or sheltering their chicks. Join LBL staffers on March 18 or 24, for a Nature Watch tour that highlights these two species. This two-hour tour



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School competition cheerleading squad and their coaches with their trophy are (front, from left) India Robinson, Christina Hamby, Kaila Purdy, Whitney Copeland, Courtney Copeland; (back) Tiffany McCutchen, assistant coach, Keyli Burden, Kaitlyn Menser, Kristin Peek, Kendel Mitchell, Marisa Trover, Everli Mitchell, Cameron Riley and Tammy Workman, coach.

Competition Cheerleaders Win KAPOs Regional

The Dawson Springs High School competition cheerleading squad participated in the KAPOs 2nd Region competition in Henderson Saturday and came home regional champs in the small coed division.

The squad performed with no deductions in their 2 1/2 minute routine. The win qualifies them to compete at the state level Feb. 18 in Bowling Green.

The Panthers also took home the Richard Bedwell 2nd Region KAPOs originality award given to only one squad in the entire competition.

Members are India Robinson, Christina Hamby, Kaila Purdy, Whitney Copeland, Courtney Copeland, Keyli Burden, Kaitlyn Menser, Kristin Peek, Kendel Mitchell, Marisa Trover, Everli Mitchell and Cameron Riley.

Tammy Workman is the squad's head coach, and Tiffany McCutchen is the assistant coach. Greg Collins at Big Dawg Gym in Providence has helped the cheerleaders with their tumbling.

Workman thanked everyone who has assisted the DSHS cheerleaders this season.



KENDEL MITCHELL (above) lifts Courtney Copeland in a single extension while Keyli Burden and Cameron Riley spot the stunt.

PERFORMANCE (left) (floor, from left) Kristin Peek, India Robinson, Whitney Copeland, Marisa Trover; (top) Keyli Burden, Courtney Copeland, Kaitlyn Menser, Cameron Riley; (back) Christina Hamby and Kendel Mitchell.

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